

Pre-Knitted Wire Necklace



To make this necklace you will need:

A piece of 0.1mm pre-knitted wire **(a)** approximately 25% shorter than the desired finished length;
Some 0.7mm or 0.8mm wire **(b)**;
A large hole bead;
A fastener
A pair of flat nose pliers
Wire cutters

To Start

Fold the piece of knitted wire **(a)** in half along its length, and then in half again;
Pull the wire to stretch the length out and then run the wire between your fingers to extend it further and smooth the surface.
Now take one end of the wire and twist the end 2cm with your fingers (fig 1). This is to make the end compact enough for you to thread the bead on.
Thread the bead on (fig 2).



Fig 1



Fig 2

Untwist the end slightly, leaving approx 1cm twisted.
Twist the other end of the wire to match. Trim any stray wire at each end to give a flat end.



fig 3



fig 4

Now take a piece of 0.7mm or 0.8mm wire **(b)**, approx 30cm in length, and place it to the side of one end of the necklace (fig 3) extending beyond the tip by approx 3cm.

Where **(b)** meets **(a)** at the base of the twisted portion of **(a)**, with your fingers start coiling the wire **(b)** around **(a)** moving toward the end of the piece (fig 4).



Fig 5



Fig 6

When you have coiled for approx 1cm trim the end of the knitted wire (a) (fig 5).

Now, using the short end of the wire (b), attach the fastener (fig 6).



Fig 7



Fig 8

Use the pliers to help you hold the wire (b) in place (fig 7) while you twist the rest of the short end back down toward the necklace with your fingers.

Now, using the remainder of the wire (b), coil the wire up a little further to conceal the cut end of the knitted wire (a), trim the wire back and tuck the end into the coil (fig 8)

Repeat for the other end of the necklace.



Fig 9

To create the light appearance of the main project photo you can now tease the wire out gently with your fingers (fig 9).

Alternatives:

Try leaving the wire sleek, using a pendant instead of a large hole bead, or using more beads and tying a knot in the knitting wire for a textural effect and to keep the beads separated.

Use the same techniques for matching bracelets.